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SUBJECT: SADAT DEPARTURE

1. PRESIDENT SADAT AND PARTY TOOK OFF AS SCHEDULED NOON LOCAL OCT 25. IN SHORT PRESS CONFERENCE BEFORE DEPARTURE, SADAT SAID HE WOULD DISCUSS BILATERAL RELATIONS AS WELL AS ME SITUATION WITH HIS HOSTS IN PARIS, WASHINGTON AND LONDON. HE DESCRIBED US VISIT AS "REPAYMENT" FOR PRESIDENT NIXON'S VISIT TO EGYPT. REPLYING TO QUESTIONS, HE SAID HE IS NOT GOING TO US ON SHOPPING VISIT. "WE HAVE OUR PRIDE; WE ARE NOT BEGGARS." ALL WE WANT IS UNDERSTANDING AND GOOD WILL.

2. MEDIA LED WITH SADAT'S VISIT. AHRAM REPORTER IN WASHINGTON QUOTES AMERICAN SOURCES AS SAYING TALKS WILL CONCENTRATE ON THREE MAIN SUBJECTS:

A. JOINT EFFORTS REACH JUST AND PERMANENT

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SOLUTION IN ME SO AS TO GUARANTEE ISRAELI WITH-

DRAWAL BEHIND 1967 LINES AND RESTORATION

PALESTINIAN'S LEGITIMATE RIGHTS;

B. PROMOTION GOE-USG COOPERATION IN ECONOMIC
AND MILITARY FIELDS. "OBSERVER'S BELIEVE
EGYPT WILL REQUEST F-16'S, RADAR
EQUIPMENT, SURFACE TO SURFACE AND SURFACE TO
AIR MISSILES;

C. SUPPLYING ISRAEL WITH SOPHISTICATED US
WEAPONS ESPECIALLY PERSHINGS.

3. IN STATEMENT TO PRESS SYNDICATE CHAIRMAN, SADAT
IS QUOTED AS SAYING HE HAS TOLD US TV INTERVIEWERS
THAT HIS "REQUESTS" INCLUDE LIBERATION ARAB
TERRITORY AND ACHIEVEMENT RIGHTS OF PALESTINIANS,
AS WELL AS OBTAINING INVESTMENT LOANS AND SOPHISTICATED
ARMS.

4. EDITORIALS AND COMMENTARIES NOTE SADAT'S VISIT
TO US TAKES PLACE AT TIME ARAB WILL HAS TRIUMPHED
OVER DESPAIR AND DEFEAT AND HAVE CHANGED AMERICAN
PERSPECTIVES WHICH PREVIOUSLY OPPOSED ARAB ASPIRATIONS
AND RIGHTS.

5. BURIED IN LATEST INSTALLMENT OF SADAT'S MEMOIRS IN AHRAM
THERE IS FURTHER INTERESTING REMARK ABOUT "HISTORY" OF
GOE EFFORTS OBTAIN AMERICAN WEAPONS. SADAT CLAIMS TO HAVE
DISCUSSED PURCHASE OF AMERICAN ARMS WITH PRESIDENT NIXON, A
PURCHASE HE WISHED TO MAKE "DIRECTLY", WITHOUT SAUDI OR IRANIAN
INTERMEDIARIES. BOTH SAG AND IRAN WERE PREPARED TAKE ON THIS
ROLE, BUT SADAT BELIEVED "TIME HAD COME TO DEAL WITH U S WITHOUT
MIDDLEMAN." FURTHER, PRESIDENT NIXON "ASSURED ME THAT AFTER
SECOND DISENGAGEMENT HE WOULD BE IN POSITION TO OBTAIN CONGRESSIONAL
AGREEMENT...IN FACT, I GAVE BOTH NIXON AND KISSINGER LIST OF ARMS
INCLUDING ALL DETAILS OF ITEMS (THAT I WANT)."

6. COMMENT: DEPARTURE CEREMONIES WENT SMOOTHLY, WITH ALL
HANDS IN CHEERFUL MOOD. ONLY SHADOW IN SKY WAS HAYKAL ARTICLE
BY GWERTZMAN IN NYT. TAHSIN BASHIR SAID PRESIDENT HAD RECEIVED
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IT YESTERDAY, NOTING GLUMLY THAT "HAYKAL IS MESSING US UP EVEN
BEFORE WE GET THERE."

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